March on Washington Gets Backing of Student Group

NEW YORK — The United States National Student Association (USNSA), the largest student organization in the country, representing the student governments of almost four hundred colleges in the North and South, this week endorsed the "1959 Youth March for Integrated Schools" to be held in Washington on April 18th.

In a statement to the one million three hundred and forty thousad students represented by the group, USNSA's President, Robert R. Kiley, urged full participation by the nation's youth in this demonstration for "interracial democracy in education."

Kiley, former study body president of Notre Dame University, praised the Youth March for affording "every student an opportunity to demonstrate his conviction that educational opportunity must not be abridged on account of race, and to show his support for forthright leadership in word and deed by those whose responsibility it is to ensure progress toward total desegregation in education."

The USNSA is active in the national distribution of petitions, to be presented to the President and Congress on April 18th, calling for "an executive and legislative program insuring the orderly and speedy integration of schools throughout the United States."

Original signgers of the petition include Mrs. Daisy Bates, Mrs. Ralph J. Bunche, the Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Father John LaFarge, S.J., AFL-CIO President George Meany, Rabbi Joachim Prinz, A. Philip Randolph and Roy Wilkins.

Additional support was given to the Youth March and Petition Campaign last week by Senator Kenneth Keating (R., N.Y.) who joined with Senator Javits and Senator Douglas in acting in support of the March.

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